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TAGS: CVIS, CSCE, UR (MCCLELLAN, IRINA)

SUBJECT: FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASE

REF: 76 MOSCOW 18470

1. IN REPLY TO EMBASSY'S NOVEMBER 24 REPRESENTATION RE IRINA MCCLELLAN EXIT VISA CASE (REFTEL), MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS N. M. BULAVIN AND V.I. ARTSYBASHEV PROVIDED REPLY DURING CONSOFFS' JANUARY 5 CALL. ACCORDING TO BULAVIN AND ARTSYBASHEV, "IT IS NOT POSSIBLE" FOR EXIT VISAS TO BE GRANTED IN THE CASE. ARTSYBASHEV VOLUNTEERED THAT "COMPETENT ORGANS" HAD NOT INFORMED MFA OF REASON FOR REFUSAL.

2. CONSOFF STATED THAT MRS. MCCLELLAN HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN TOLD DURING A RECENT VISIT TO ALL-UNION OVIR THAT HER CASE WOULD NOT BE REVIEWED DURING THE ENTIRE YEAR OF 1977 WHICH CONTRADICTS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE POLICY ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES THAT PERSONS REFUSED EXIT PERMISSION ARE ENTITLED TO A REVIEW OF THEIR CASES EVERY SIX MONTHS. BULAVIN AND ARTSYBASHEV REPLIED THAT EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE POLICY IS CORRECT BUT THEY THEY COULD NOT EXPLAIN OR COMMENT ON MRS. MCCLELLAN'S RECENT CONVERSATION AT OVIR.

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3. MRS. MCLELLAN VISITED EMBASSY JANUARY 5 FOR DISCUSSION OF HER CASE AND WE ASSURED HER OF THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY. WE NEXT PLAN TO SEND NOTE TO MFA CITING REPORTED REFUSAL OF OVIR TO RECONSIDER CASE IN 1977 AND INQUIRING WHY ANNOUNCED SOVIET PROCEDURES ARE NOT EBING FOLLOWED IN THIS CASE.

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